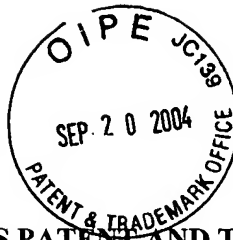


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In re application of: Steven H. Schwartzkopf

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For: LIQUID FILTRATION APPARATUS AND METHOD EMBODYING SUPER-BOUYANT FILTRATION PARTICLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed before any Office Action.

This amendment is being submitted in accordance with the revised amendment format.

A Substitute Specification is enclosed, including a marked-up copy to show changes.

A Substitute Abstract is also enclosed, including a marked-up copy to show changes.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the revised drawing sheets enclosed, , including a marked-up set to show changes.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Claims 1- 36 are pending in the present application.

In view of the following amendments and comments, the application is believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.